

1. The Institute on U.S. Political Thought will provide participants with a deeper understanding of major currents in U.S. political thought from the colonial period to the present. The Institute will provide a full and diverse understanding of U.S. political thought its connection to U.S. politics and institutions by linking contemporary issues with historical debates. The Institute will explore particular themes including self-rule and limited government, liberty and freedom, individualism and identity, equality and inequality, and the American dream. The Institute concludes with an integrated two-week study tour to Boston, New York City, Gettysburg, Charlottesville, and Washington, D.C. The Institute may be hosted by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute located in Amherst, MA.

2. The Institute on Contemporary American Literature will provide participants with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of contemporary American literature. Its purpose is to explore contemporary American writers in a variety of genres, and to suggest how the themes in those works reflect larger currents within contemporary U.S. society and culture. The program will explore the diversity of the American literary landscape, examining how major contemporary writers, schools, and movements reflect the traditions of the U.S. literary canon. At the same time, the program will expose participants to writers who represent a departure from that tradition, and who are establishing new directions for American literature. The Institute may be hosted by the University of Louisville, Kentucky.

3. The Institute on Journalism and Media will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the roles that journalism and the media play in U.S. society. The Institute will examine the rights and responsibilities of the media, including editorial independence, journalistic ethics, legal constraints, international journalism, and media business models. The Institute will examine pedagogical strategies for teaching students of journalism the basics of the tradecraft: researching, reporting, writing, and editing. The program will also highlight the impact of technology on journalism, such as the influence of the Internet, the globalization of the news media, the growth of satellite television and radio networks, and other changes that are transforming the profession.

4. The Institute on Religious Pluralism in the United States will provide participants with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of religious pluralism in the United States. Employing a multi-disciplinary approach and drawing on fields such as history, political science, sociology, anthropology, law, and others, the program will explore both the historical and contemporary context of religion in the United States.

5. The Institute on U.S. Culture and Society will provide participants with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. The Institute will examine the ethnic, racial, social, economic, political, and religious contexts in which various cultures have manifested in U.S. society while focusing on the ways in which these cultures have influenced social movements and American identity throughout U.S. history. The program will provide a model of how a foreign university might approach the study of U.S. culture and society.

6. The Institute on U.S. Foreign Policy will provide a multinational group participants with a deeper understanding of how contemporary U.S. foreign policy is formulated and implemented. The Institute will include a historical review of significant events, individuals, and philosophies

that have shaped U.S. foreign policy. The Institute will explain the role of key players in U.S. foreign policy including the executive and legislative branches of government, the media, the U.S. public, and multilateral institutions.